



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
October 5, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Jahn Dyvik, Gina Joyce, and Deirdre Kvale

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; Public Works Director: Sean Diercks

Absent: Council: Mike Feldmann (with prior notice)

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Joyce, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discuss Boring Proposing for a 2022 Street Improvement Project

Administrator Weske stated that staff is recommending that there be 30 street borings completed as test sites on various roads throughout the City. Recommended roadways for boring samples include Grand Avenue, Westwood Drive, Kennedy Lane, Valley View Road, Creekside Drive, Bollum Lane, Orchard Circle, and Meadow Lane. Borings would provide detail on the condition of the existing pavement and bases of roadways, enabling staff to better determine the best “bang for the City’s buck” for street improvements.

The Council discussed the difference between overlay versus mill and overlay projects.

Public Works Director Diercks explained that the borings will most likely be done in the drive lanes, be about six inches in diameter, and extend down 24 to 36 inches deep. He indicated that they will do cross sections in order to take a look at that information. He noted that for the Grand Avenue boring, that information is proposed to be kept on file for now to help determine whether a full reconstruction needs to be done or if there is the potential to get by with a mill and overlay when the City is ready to move forward with that project.

Council member Dyvik asked if staff’s position was that the City could achieve more linear feet for the dollar if spent on streets other than Grand Avenue.

Diercks confirmed Dyvik was correct and added that he feels that Grand Avenue is not the best project for the City right now.

Weske mentioned that the City could also start looking at resurfacing Heather Lane, Russell Lane and Greenhill Lane in two to three years.

The Council discussed the condition of various roads throughout the City.

Council member Dyvik questioned where the money to pay for the boring project would come from.

Weske replied that he would suggest the \$9,800 to pay for the borings should be allocated to the Pavement Management Fund.

Council member Dyvik asked whether there were any other City funds that could also be used. He noted that he is not looking to do anything underhanded or illegal, but wondered if there would be some other creative way to pay for this work.

Weske indicated he could explore to see if there are other options.

Diercks mentioned that there are street repair funds that have not been used because there was \$50,000 allocated for seal coating, but the cost had come in at \$75,000.

Weske clarified that the City has not done spray patching or seal coating because staff did not want to spend the money on that just to turn around and tear up the roadway next year to do an overlay.

Council member Dyvik inquired why the City hadn't gone ahead and completed \$50,000 worth of seal coating, and asked if the budget would be increased for 2022 to ensure there was enough to cover the costs.

The Council discussed the usual seal coating schedule and frequency.

It was the consensus of the Council that the borings project could be paid for through the Pavement Management Fund.

Weske noted that the Council did not need to take formal action and he was just looking for direction regarding the proposed boring project.

The City Council's conclusion was to move forward with the proposed 2022 project to take borings of the roadways throughout the City.

OTHER BUSINESS

Calculation of Local Government Aid (LGA) - Council and staff had a discussion about how LGA amounts are calculated for Long Lake as compared to other similar cities.

Fire Service Meeting - Mayor Miner reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow regarding the Fire Department and the future of fire service in area cities.

ADJOURN

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator